Report of the Jaswant Singh Commission on High Court benches

2002. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Jaswant Singh Comsion submitted its report on the setting up of High Court benches in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of proposals forwarded by the State Government to the Central Government on the basis of this report; and

(c) what are the details of each proposals and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The Jaswant Singh Commission submitted its Report regarding benches of the High Court in Uttar Pradesh on 30th April, 1985. The State Government have not yet sent any definite proposal on the basis of this Report.

Letter of intent granted to Linde AG-RPG (Madras) for the setting up of a petro-chemical project at Madras

2003. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the letter of intent given to Linde AG-RPG for their export-oriented petro-chemical project at Madras and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that they have to export 100 per cent of their production; and

(b) what are the reasons for which domestic sales are not allowed for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSHI): (a) and (b) In the letter of intent No. LI|EOB.30|(89)|E.O.|277(88)1L dated the 16th March 1989 issued by the Government to Linde A.G. it is specified that the entire production of the project shall be exported outside India. This is in accordance with the arrangement indicated to the Government on behalf of the applicant party itself.

Planning Commission's suggestion for re-appraisal of FERA

2004. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has recommended a thorough re-appraisal of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) to direct foreign investment in larger measure during the Eighth Five Year Plan peiod; and

(b) if so, what steps have since been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Prices of imported rubber

2005. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of imported rubber has been exorbitantly increased by the STC;

(b) if so, whether the shoe industry especially the small shoe manufacturers have been hit hard thereby; and

(c) what is the extent of increase in the rubber prices since January this year, indicating the prices prevailing in the months of January and June?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSHI) : (a) to (c) The release price of imported natural rubber till November, 1988 was Rs. 20,000$- p.m.t. ex-godown Madras. Subsequent to November, 1988 further releases were effected in April, 1989 at a release price of Rs. 23,573| per M.T. ex-godown Madras. The releases made by STC effective from 10th July, 1989 is at a release price of Rs. 27,400 p.m.t. ex-godown Madras.

The prevailing prices of indigenous rubber in January and June, 1989 respectively were Rs. 17,550 p.m.t. and Rs. 22,840 p.m.t.

The Rubber consuming industry, including shoe manufacturing industry, has represented against this release price.

Excise duty on polyester filament yarn

2006. SHRI CHIMAN BHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the revenue realised from excise duty on PFY after lowering down the duty on the item from Rs. 85 to 55 per kg. two years ago;

(b) whether production went up or gone down as a result thereof; and

(c) whether excise duty on processed cloth was increased about two years back; if so, what was the increase and whether due to the increase the excise revenue has gone up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The quantity of PFY produced during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 and the central excise duty realised therefrom are as follows:

	1987-88	1988-89
Production (in metric tonnes)	1,30,614	1,61,298
Revenue (Rs. in crores)	870.29	804.85

(c) The excise duty on processed man-made fabrics was rationalised in November, 1987. This rationalisation and subsequent modifications thereto have *inter alia* contributed to increased revenue from this item in 1988-89 as compared to 1987-88.

Irregularities in the Calcutta Branch of State Bank of Indore

2007. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several irregularities have been detected in the transactions of State Bank of Indore, Calcutta Branch;

(b) whether facilities have been granted to the firms/companies through letters of credit; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the recovery of amount advanced against such letters of credit during 1988 and till June 30, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The State Bank of Indore has reported that irregularities were detected during March, 1989 in cetain cases in two of its branches at Calcutta where letters of credit|guarantees were established.